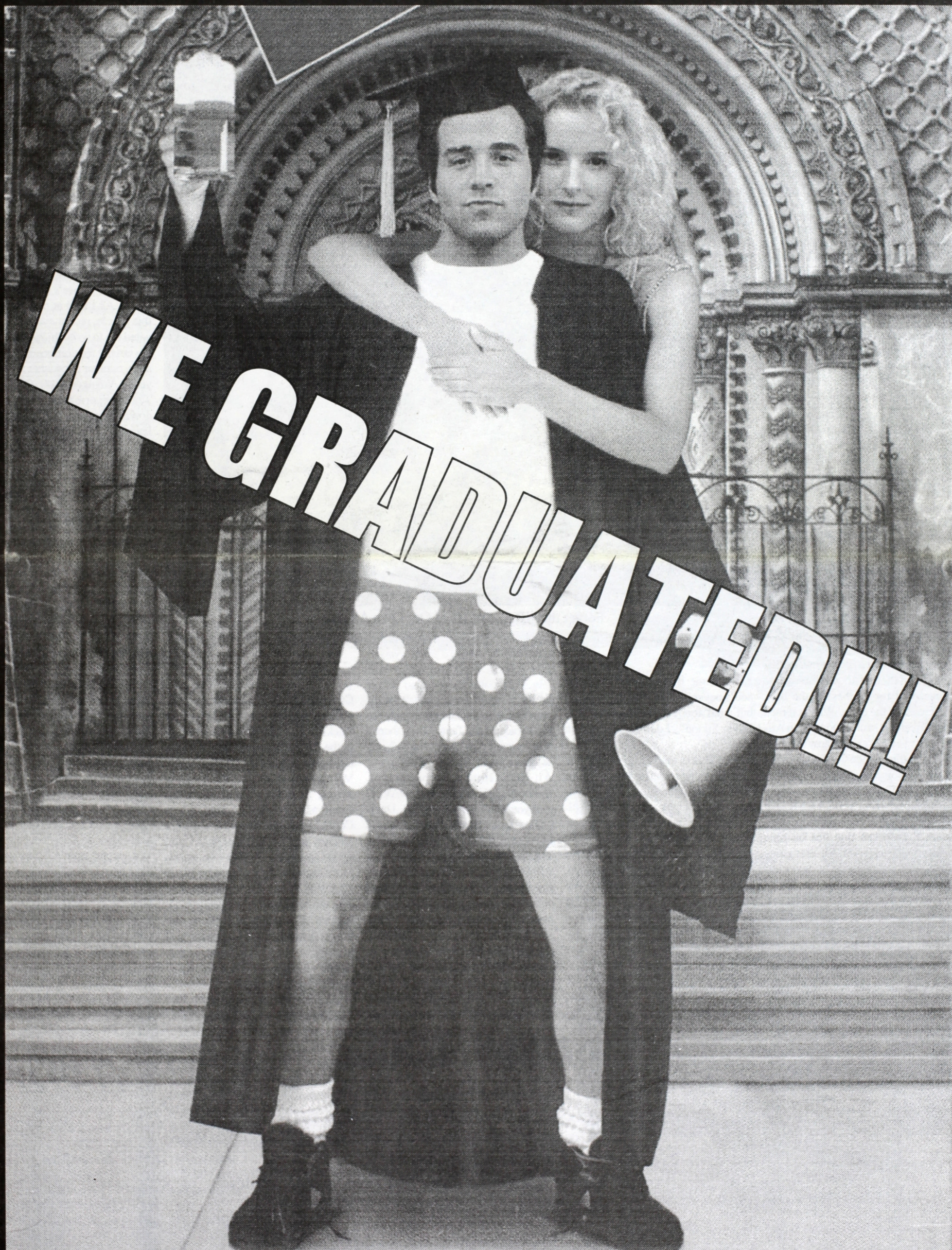


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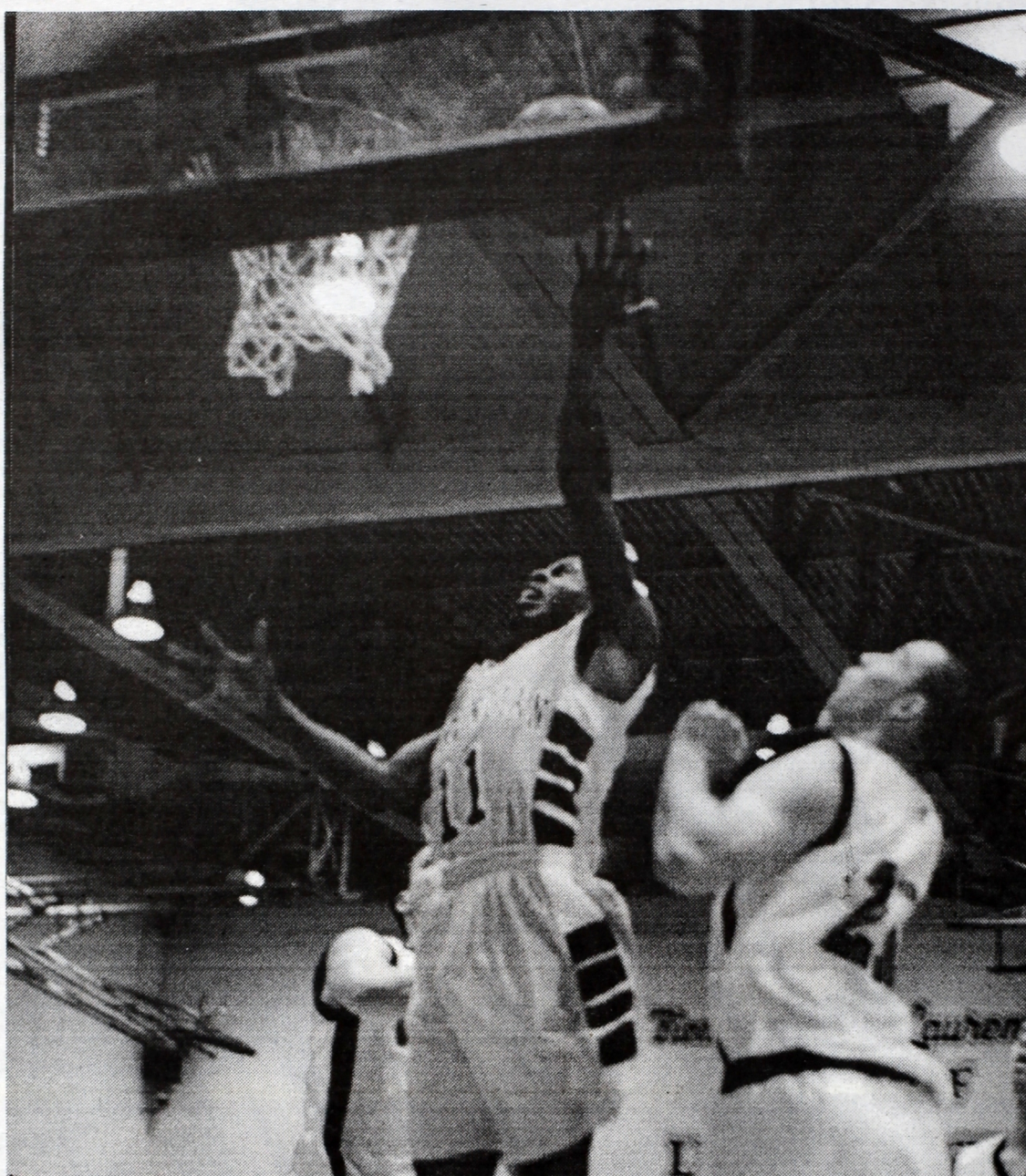
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The Term "All-Star" Obviously Doesn't Include ALL STARS

By Jason Andrade
Sports Editor

I want to write this article and take a good look at the All-Stars selected for this year's National Basketball Association All-Star Game. I know that this is a little late to be simply a response to the All-Star game, but there has been recent motivation to write this piece. You don't have to like it; you just have to read it. This year's All-Star game brought things that fans never thought they'd be able to see. How about Michael Jordan suiting up for an All-Star game in a Wizards' uniform? How about Jordan, the Answer, Employee Number 8 and the "Assassin" T-Mac all playing on the same team at the same time? It boggles the mind to think that all of these players could be on the same All-Star squad, especially when guys like T-Mac grew up emulating the great "Air" Jordan. Seriously though, this year's All-Star game brought with it the appearance of some very deserving individuals. These players have toiled tirelessly to make their teams better on a daily basis. Guys like "Stevie Franchise" (Steve Francis-Houston), Kobe (Bryant-L.A. Lakers), Peja (Stojakovic-Sacramento, not Huntington) and Elton Brand (L.A. CLIPPERS-go figure!!) have garnered from the fans and coaches around the league the recognition they have so richly deserved. That's what the All-Star game is supposed to be about. This is where the problem comes in...

Why is it that there are a number of guys who were at the All-Star game, despite not having All-Star seasons? Understandably, just being in the NBA means that your game has to be at a certain level. That being said though, the All-Star game is reserved for the best of the best, the cream of the crop. Why is it then that Dikembe Mutombo was an All-Star this year? Yeah, I know that he's the defending Defensive Player of the Year, but come on. To be an All-Star THIS YEAR, you should have to rely on your play from THIS YEAR. All Mutombo really does anymore is rebound, and even that has become suspect. Besides, the All-Star game isn't about rebounding, it never has been. Let's move on to Wally Szczerbiak. Wally's World? Are you serious? The closest this guy has ever been to being an All-Star calibre player is when he wears Kevin Garnett's practice jersey in the locker room. And with a name like "Szczerbiak" he should come up with



Forget the NBA... We Have Our Own All-Stars

a nickname that will sell itself-he could never be like "The Big Ticket", but what about something like "The Silver Spoon". I don't know, just an idea.

This is really only half of the argument that I want to bring to your attention though. When players-undeserving players are named as All-Stars, it takes away from the number of worthy competitors who should be named in those spots. And yeah, I've got the juice to back up my claims. Let's look again at that horrid choice of Dikembe Mutombo. If an All-Star selection was simply to be based on rebounding prowess in regular season games, where was Danny Fortson (Golden State Warriors)? Where was "Big, Bad" Ben Wallace (Detroit Pistons)? I'm sure that

Wallace would have gone with the corn rows or the blown out afro-at the choice of the fans. Then there's a little matter of Baron Davis being selected as an Eastern Conference All-Star Injury Replacement. BARON DAVIS? BARON DAVIS? Are you kidding me? Ann B. Davis (Alice from Brady Bunch) would have been a more worthy selection. But in selecting Baron Davis, that All-Star berth was denied to deserving athletes such as Latrell Sprewell who has carried his New York Knicks squad all season long. His leadership has been key, what with the surprising disappearance of new millionaire Allan Houston and the expected disappearance of Marcus "Cotton" Camby. What about Sam

Cassell? All he's done this year is lead an injury-ravaged Milwaukee Bucks team to further respectability in the Eastern Conference. Without this key member of the "Big Three", Milwaukee would be dead in the water, much like the Toronto Raptors with their "All-Star" Wince Carter. It's funny how in life it's not always what you do or what you know, but rather WHO you know. More importantly seems to be WHO KNOWS YOU. Such was the case with the naming of two Western Conference All-Stars out of the Lone Star State. Now don't get me wrong. I love Steve Nash. His game is tight, and he's clutch. No doubt about it. I have no qualms with his being an All-Star. My question is though; does

Dirk Nowitzki deserve to be an All-Star as well? Yeah, Dirk's having a good year and all, but what about other dudes who play in the west? What about guys who are amongst the league leaders in scoring, assists, steals and minutes played. That's right, I'm talking about Nick "The Quick" Van Exel. Yeah, it's true that at the time, Van Exel was buried on a terrible Denver Nuggets team that was going nowhere fast, but that should mean even more toward an All-Star berth. Once again an example of the rich getting richer. There are also guys like Jalen Rose and Jerry Stackhouse to consider. And although he played in the Rookie/Sophomore game, where the hell was Kenyon Martin? The Eastern Conference hasn't seen a 4-man as explosive as K-Mart since Rodzilla left Chicago. Where's his love?

As I said at the beginning of this article, recent events have motivated me to write this piece. I needed to vent my frustrations with the OUA and a number of coaches within. This year's Voyageurs Men's Basketball Team experienced many ups and downs from which a great deal was learned. Throughout the season, a number of individuals played through pain and injuries, so that they could do their part to help the team. Not least amongst them was veteran 3rd year point guard Jermaine Pendley. JP has worked as hard, if not harder, than anyone else on this year's team. I know that he has played through pain: when his knee wasn't bothering him, it was a chronic shoulder problem that served as an obstacle for him to overcome. Someone please explain to me how it is that: someone can play as relentlessly as Jermaine all season; hit as many big shots as Jermaine did all season (not the least of which was a monster 3-point shot at home vs. York); control the pace of the game as masterfully as Jermaine did all season, and above all this; finish number 9 in the entire OUA in assists (ahead of such "All-Stars" as Chedo Ndur (Western) and Mike George (York)), yet NOT be named as an All-Star. Granted, being named as a second team All-Star would not have been enough recognition, but at least it would have been recognition. I felt that it was my place and my duty to give the necessary recognition to our starting point guard Jermaine Pendley, to fuel the fire for next year, and to say "Thanks" for a job well done.

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The End Of An Era?

By Jason Andrade
Sports Editor

The date was March 22, 2002. The venue in question: the Howard Johnson Hotel. The occasion: the 2001-2002 Laurentian University Voyageur Athletic Banquet. It's been a long, arduous and successful year for Voyageur athletics. Now had come the time for our sport heroes to sit back and unwind, not worrying about having to get up for practice the next day, enjoying each other's company for what would perhaps be for the final time.

Let's talk first about the first award that a Laurentian Voyageur can win in his/her career: the Rookie of the Year Award. This year's rookies have done their part to ensure the continuation of a strong Voyageur athletic tradition by virtue of their hard work and dedication to Voyageur Athletics in their inaugural seasons. Winning Rookie of the Year honours for 2001-2002 were Kristy Mackenzie (Women's Soccer), Paul Lammens (Men's Soccer), Kristie Bale (Cross Country), Elisha James (Women's Swimming), Serge Loisel (Men's Swimming), Jaime Russell (Men's Nordic Skiing), Emily Morel (Women's Nordic Skiing), Lindsay Malott (Women's Basketball) and "Flyin'" Ryan Done (Men's Basketball). It is our hope (as fans, Lambda staff, supporters of Laurentian Athletics) as well as the hope of the coaches of the athletes mentioned that these individuals will continue to grow and learn and be contributing members of the Laurentian University Varsity Sport scene.

Moving along...

After looking at the Rookie of the Year category, we proceed to the Most Improved Players (MIP). This category is most often misunderstood, as the general public is not commonly familiar with the criteria for which this award is presented. A lot of people naturally assume that this award can only be won by making a jump from being the worst player on the team to the starting lineup; shouldering the hopes and dreams of your squad on your own after not being anywhere near that level the year before. The Most Improved Player is one who is just that—the most improved amongst his/her peers. This may be evident by a jump from being the 11th to the 6th player in the rotation; this may be evident by improved swim times or run times. This year's Most Improved Players have taken the time to examine themselves and realize their own shortcomings. In doing this, they were each presented with two options: (1) Shrug their shoulders and say, "The hell with it. This is who I am and this is all I can do", or (2) Make a concerted effort to improve upon themselves and their respective athletic abilities. This year's Most Improved Players are Sarah Taylor (Women's Soccer), Greg Janveau (Men's Soccer), Stephanie Ratz (Cross Country), Leanne Dumitru (Women's Swimming), Joel Kirk AND Andrey Tihanyi (Men's Swimming), Rhys Lucas (Men's Nordic Skiing), Tara Baldisera (Women's Nordic Skiing), and the Point-A-Minute phenom

Jermaine Glenn (Men's Basketball).

And then???????

The Most Valuable Player (MVP) award is one that all truly dedicated athletes aspire toward. There is no greater feeling than that of being THE most valued player on your team. Everyone has dreamed of being the hero in the story, being the captain of the football team that wins the city championship, running the anchor in the 4x100 relay and winning the race in record time. These MVP award recipients have all had dreams of this type before and have done the necessary work to put themselves and their teams in the best position possible for success. Congratulations to this year's MVP's in the following sports: Taycee McNabb (Women's Soccer), Chris Miles (Men's Soccer), Natalie Lefort (Cross Country), Christie Smith (Women's Swimming), Serge Loisel (Men's Swimming), Rob Bewick (Men's Nordic Skiing), Alison Jeffkins (Women's Nordic Skiing), Clare Beatty (Women's Basketball) and Leon Sutton (Men's Basketball).

You mean there's more???

Besides recognizing all of the above-mentioned individuals, there remains another group of athletes who most definitely deserve our attention. Those individuals were recipients of the 2002 Voyageur Award. These individuals are recognized as being graduating athletes who have made an outstanding contribution to not only their respective sport, but also to Voyageur Athletics throughout their university career. Receiving the Voyageur Award this year were: Alison Jeffkins (Women's Nordic Skiing), Krista Bolyea (Cross Country) and Chris Algar (Men's Nordic Skiing).

Being given a Special Voyageur Award this year was Jenö Tihanyi for his outstanding contribution to Laurentian Athletics. *For the past 30 years Jenö has been the head coach of the Varsity Swim Team, and has helped to produce some terrific athletes. Six of his athletes were members of the National Team, he produced 40 swimmers who qualified for CIAU championships, 4 Voyageur Award winners, 7 Athletes of the Year, 6 OUA Swimmers of the Meet, and 2 CIAU Swimmers of the Meet. Jenö even coached 2-time Olympic Gold Medallist, Alex Baumann. Jenö was on the Head of the coaching staff of the National Team from 1978-1994 and was a Voyageur Hall of Fame Inductee. In 1990 Jenö was named OUA Coach of the Year, in 1993 he was the CIAU Coach of the Year, and in 1994 he was the OWIAA Coach of the Year. As well, Jenö is a member of Laurentian's School of Human Kinetics Faculty and the Director of Division of Physical Education, on top of his coaching career. Jenö will be retiring after this year and will be missed for his dedication, inspiration, and success.

*-thanks to Voyageur's Sport Information Office

How could we forget.....

The highlight of the athletic banquet is and always has been the

recognition of both the Male and Female Athletes of the Year. This is our chance to applaud the efforts and training of these individuals as they have endeavoured to improve themselves and their teams in order to be as successful as possible.

This year's Male Athlete of the Year is Chris Miles of the Voyageurs Men's Soccer Team. A stalwart defender, Miles was recognized as an OUA All-Star this season and has the title of All-Canadian on his résumé. He was the leading goal scorer on this year's Voyageur squad, uncannily due to his commitment to defense. A three-time game MVP, and multiple-time Laurentian University Athlete of the Week, Chris Miles is truly deserving of this honour.

The Female Athlete of the Year is the cornerstone of the Lady Vees' Basketball Program. Clare Beatty has been an integral part of this team since her rookie season, some four years ago. Winning numerous individual awards and titles in this time has been commonplace for Clare as she has been consistently rewarded and recognized for her hard work. This year, Clare garnered MVP honours for herself at both the Laurentian Invitational and the Waterloo Invitational. Further to these, (as has been in print here before, thanks once again to yours truly) Beatty was named as this year's OUA East Division MVP as well as the Division's Defensive Player of the Year. Clare was named as a CIS (CIAU) All-Canadian and was named the top defensive player in the country. What's really scary is that she still has another year to add to this already impressive list of credentials.

And finally.....

Each year of Voyageur athletics brings us a fresh group of rookies to carry on the tradition of excellence that our veterans have instilled. That much being said, each year also causes us to part ways with a number of student-athletes who have found their way into our hearts by virtue of their inspired athletic performances. Though these individuals may be leaving Laurentian this year, they will forever be in our hearts and minds as they have left indelible marks on our memories. Graduating athletes this year include: Krista Bolyea and Cristina Puscariu (Cross Country), Steve Spano, Chris Miles, Brad Smith and Matt DeDiana (Men's Soccer), Lesley Berry and Leanne Dumitru (Women's Swimming), Mike Colquhoun, Matt Coutsos, Dave Vacchino and Andy Kerr (Men's Swimming), Chris Algar and Rhys Lucas (Men's Nordic Skiing), Alison Jeffkins and Helen Dyke (Women's Nordic Skiing) and finally a group of individuals who have been getting an enormous amount of press as of late (thanks to yours truly): Patrick Brandt, Leon Sutton, Robert Anecchini and Dwayne Burton (Men's Basketball).

Look forward to Voyageur Athletics for the 2002-2003 season. If our past is any indicator, the future will indeed be something special. If you don't believe me, just ask my good friend JC33.

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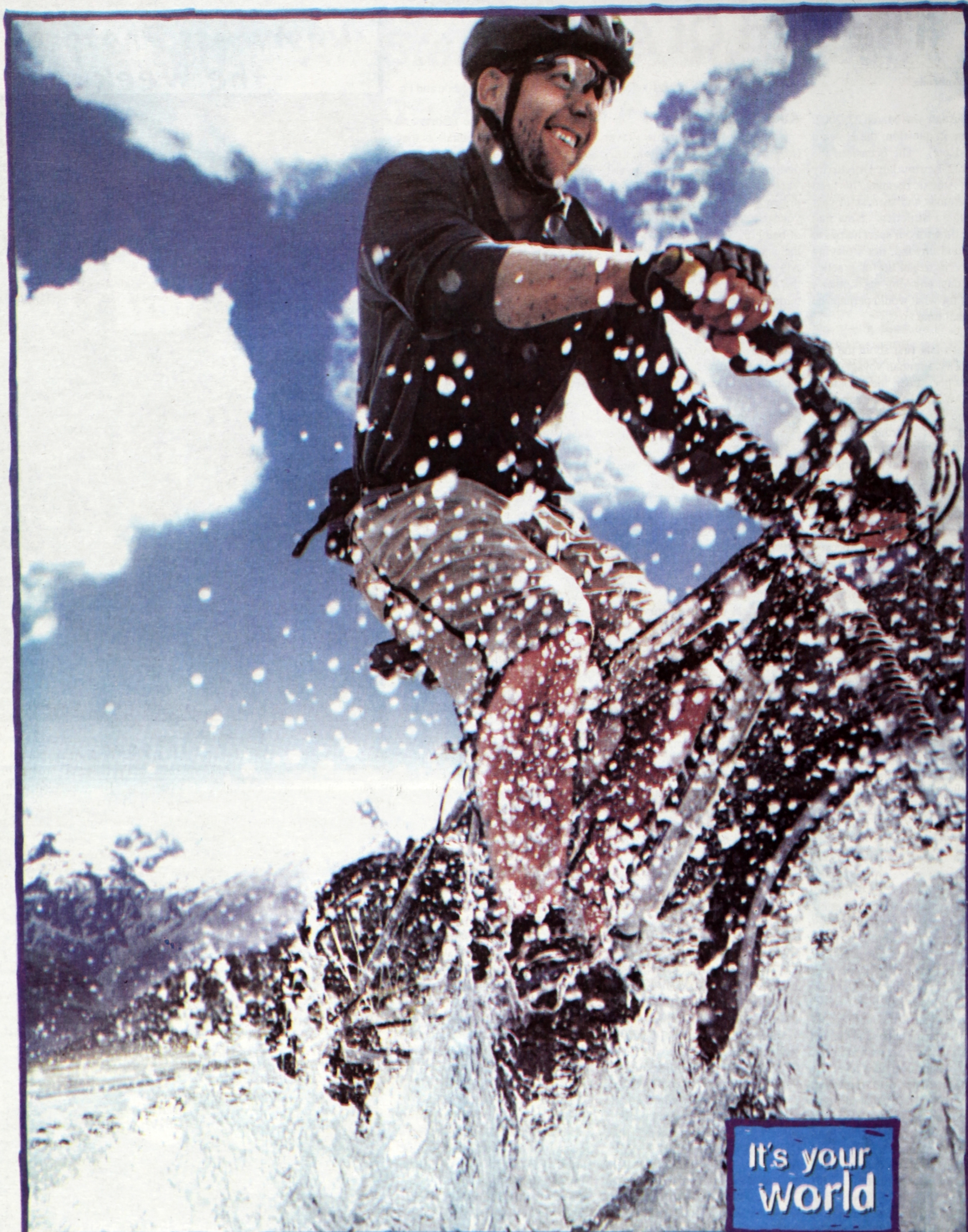
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The Greatest Wrestlemania Experience Ever!!

(...and I wasn't even at the arena yet)

by Jason Andrade
Whatcha Gonna Do...

I wanted to write this article for last week's issue of Lambda, but didn't want the significance of its contents to be lost amongst all of the high-quality text that was present. I'd like to take a couple of minutes to talk to you about my Wrestlemania experience-and how it far surpassed any of my expectations.

First, to non-wrestling fans, you could never begin to understand how exciting it can be to experience a Wrestlemania—even if you were in the front row. Don't annoy me with "You don't really believe that stuff do you?", "You know it's fake, don't you?" or anything else that you may think that I want to hear. True wrestling fans don't have to ask whether wrestling "is real", and non-fans could never be convinced of any reality in sports entertainment.

Wrestlemania was a phenomenal experience for me. Twelve years ago, I was at Wrestlemania and watched the Immortal Hulk Hogan square off against the Ultimate Warrior. At the time, I thought I was at the greatest wrestling show ever. Now I realize that I wasn't old enough then to appreciate fully the magnitude of that match or that event. Twelve years later, I looked forward to being a part of history—a record-breaking crowd inside the Skydome.

I went home on Wrestlemania weekend, and went out to a club called "Berlin" with my sisters. As we were moving through the V.I.P. line, I looked in the window and was able to see into the elevator inside the club. Standing at the back of the elevator was a professional wrestler. He stood about six feet, with blonde hair pulled back in a ponytail. I was excited as we moved ahead into the club.

We eventually made our way to the dance floor, and because of the way that the club is laid out, the upper level looks over the dance floor. I looked up and saw a pretty big guy leaning on the rail, looking out over the crowd that was dancing. I turned to my sister and said, "That guy looks

like Bubba Ray Dudley".

She then dared me to go and see if it was him, and if so, to approach him and say "hello". She didn't need to ask me twice. As I made my way upstairs, the DJ "Juiceman" Jonathan Shaw (an old friend), kept making reference to wrestlers, as though they were either present, or expected to be present shortly. So, I approached the area where I thought I had seen Bubba Ray, and sure enough it was him. There was a problem though, the area where the wrestlers were "hanging out" was blocked off. There was also a small matter of Bubba Ray looking like he wanted to put someone through a table right there in the bar. After a couple of seconds, he got off the rail, and went to sit down with the others. (Which others?? Be patient.) I looked up and saw another wrestler heading over toward the rail. I decided to get his attention and see what happened. I called out, "Hey Shane!! Helms, I'm talking to you!" With that, The Hurricane came over and said hello. We shook hands, and due to the volume of music and "people noise" in the bar, our ten minute conversation was mostly mouth to ear. I told him that the Hurricane gimmick was one of the best ever, but that there was nothing wrong with "Sugar" Shane Helms from 3-Count. He said that the Hurricane gimmick was his idea, and that Vince actually gives him a lot of control over it. I asked him why he had undergone the change from Shane Helms to Gregory Helms, and he replied by saying, "I guess they didn't have room in the company for two Shanes". I then asked the Hurricane why it was that he didn't have a matched scheduled at the biggest wrestling event of the year, and he told me that he had been placed on "standby" for the Wrestlemania card. This meant that he may have a match,

but wouldn't know until the last minute whether he had one, or who it would be against. I asked him when we would see him make his long-awaited full-time return to television, and to this he answered that he would be back full-time after the roster split. He also told me that he and Mighty Molly would be separated, since he was already so "over" with the fans and her popularity really had yet to catch on. We shook hands again, and Helms told me, "It was great to meet you". It was probably bullshit, but I'll take it nonetheless.

At this point, one of the wrestlers who was sitting, stood up and put on his coat. He started heading toward me, as he would have to walk past in order to leave. As he approached, I stuck out my hand and said to him, "I know that everything is scripted, but good luck in your match Sunday night." D-Von Dudley replied with a simple, "Thanks a lot man." That much having been done already, I HAD to go and talk to his partner. Bubba Ray was talking to a couple of women who were "with" the wrestlers present. (Girlfriends? Wives? Other?) I approached with

my hands up and in plain sight, so he wouldn't think anything dodgy was going on. I said to him, "Listen man, I just shook hands with your partner so I've gotta come over here and shake your hand as well." As I was shaking hands with Bubba, my sister appeared. She's not a wrestling fan, but understands that I am and always have been. She looked at Bubba Ray and said (already knowing that he's a wrestler), "You were on that show, weren't you?" It was obvious that she was alluding to his appearance on "The Weakest Link", but Bubba decided to play a game of his own. "What show is that? When was it on?" was the response that he gave to her. Keep in mind that I'm still shaking hands with him at this time. I turned to my sister and said, "This guy is one half of the greatest tag-team of all time. The only team to hold the WWF, WCW and ECW World Tag-Team Titles in history." Bubba looked at me and said, "It's always good to meet real fans." I turned around to find Torrie Wilson walking toward me and I said hello to her as well. As we shook hands, I congratulated her on her recent engagement to Billy Kidman, to which

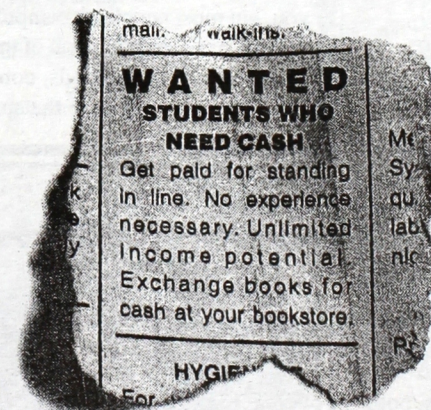
she simply replied, "Thank you". Also with her was "Queen" Victoria—formerly one of the Ho's in the employ of the Godfather (before he went "legit"). From here I had opportunity to shake hands with the wrestler that I had seen in the elevator at the beginning of the night. While shaking his hand, I leaned toward him and said, "You are, without a doubt, the most under-rated superstar in the entire Federation". Christian smirked, chuckled and then said, "Tell me about it. Thanks though, that means a lot". The night was almost over, with possibly the biggest thrill yet to come. There, in front of me, was one of the biggest wrestling stars that Canada has ever produced. A former Stampede wrestler, WCW wrestler, ECW wrestler, Rocky Mountain wrestler, Middleweight champion, U.S. champion, Cruiserweight champion, Television champion, Intercontinental champion, European champion, Hardcore champion, Tag-Team champion, Canadian Heavyweight champion, World Heavyweight champion, and UNDISPUTED HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION all rolled into one package. I'm talking about the "Ayatollah of Rock and Roll-ah", the Man of 1004 holds, the Lionheart, the Millennium Man, Y2J—CHRIS JERICHO!! I walked toward him and stuck my hand out. He took my hand and I told him that I thought that he cuts the best heel promos in the business. He responded with, "Thanks a lot. It was good to meet you". The first thing that I noticed was that Jericho is HUGE. I've seen some big boys "hangin' and bangin'" in the gym, pushing some heavy shit around, but Jericho would dwarf these guys with ease. It was particularly surprising only because he doesn't look all that big when he's on television. It really put wrestlers into a different perspective for me. With that, he left and the wrestlers that were once present were nothing more than a memory. But none would be or could be nearly as sweet as mine.

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Jason, After 'Throwing Back a Few' at Wrestlemania X-8

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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Results Are In: Welcome to the Office

By Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

Everyone on campus over the past few weeks has had an opinion about whom to vote for and who not to vote for. While some of the reasons were good some of them were the most ridiculous items that I have ever heard. Simply not voting for someone because they are old or because they are a little different isn't the right approach. The following is my opinion about what we will get from each of the newly elected executive council members. I know you all have your opinion too and you might not agree with mine but the difference is I work here so mine gets published.

SGA President

Andrew "Bubbles" Noakowski

In Andrew we have elected someone that is a born leader. He has been the president of University Collage Residence for two years now and he has seen many ups and downs during that time. More specifically he has proven himself to be a fighter. In my opinion I feel that he will fight for what the students want or for what the students need. Andrew doesn't scare easily and he will not back down from a challenge.

Andrew is also a very reasonable person and he is very easy to talk to. I might be out of line or it might not be my place to say this, but I am sure that his office door will always be open and he will be willing to lend a listening ear no matter what the issue is. He is a very approachable person now and I'll bet that this personality trait will continue.

SGA VP Student Services

Kevin "Cobb" Hayashi

I don't think that we could have made a better choice in voting for Kevin. He to is also a person that leads rather than follows. The experience flows high in this one, as he has been a Resident Assistant for the past two years. He also has something that his opponent didn't, experience in the Pub. That might not seem as important to the rest of you, but most people on campus feel that the main and only job of the VP services is to book bands, concerts and other acts to please the student

body.

Kevin has been a DJ in the Pub for the past two years so where could we have gone wrong with this choice? He knows what music that the students want to hear and what packs the dance floor so I'm sure that it won't be hard for him to decide what acts to bring to the school.

SGA VP Student Issues

John "Doc" Livingstone

I don't mean any disrespect to anyone that voted for him or to John himself but I must say that I was surprised to see his total circled thus declaring him the winner on the election results chart in the Pub this past Wednesday. I personally felt that his approach during the speeches of swearing and going off on a tirade was more of an assault on the intelligence of the students here at Laurentian than an election campaign.

I can say this to you though John, you proved me wrong and I guess I can also say this and really mean it, what do I know? You're the one that went out and put it all on the line and grabbed our attention resulting in the victory, not me.

John also comes to the table with experience though. He is the SGA representative for University Collage Residence so he does know how the SGA runs and what their procedures are. If he was willing to freak out on a cafeteria full of students to get their votes I'm afraid to see what he will do to someone opposing the issue that he's fighting for.

Overall I feel that this new SGA will bring a new unity that the office hasn't seen since I have been a student here. In case you haven't noticed, all three elected members have all lived together in UC for their entire university careers here at Laurentian. Andrew and Kevin both worked together on University Collage's council last year. This year Andrew and John are on the building's council. All in all these three men have worked closely together for the past few years and have maintained a great working relationship. I am positive that it will carry on into next year in the SGA office.

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A Space for Rant Letters to the Editor

In Response...

The article that appeared in last week's issue, "A Dictator For Us All" annoyed others and myself quite a bit, as Mr. Bowes attitude toward the Canadian Forces and its members is unjustified and insulting.

He states that having the military present at LU "dissatisfies" him, but does he realize we're here every day? Some students are Regular Force Officers in training; others are Reservists like myself, and there are those who are ex-members of the CF. Many more students have relatives in the Forces, some of who are serving overseas right now. The military IS a part of this school, whether Mr. Bowes likes it or not.

Why our recruiters would "disgust" him is rather puzzling. What is so terrible about the CF that we should hide in shame? Is it the peacekeeping missions in places like Bosnia, Eritrea, East Timor and Haiti? Or maybe it's providing assistance in disasters such as the Manitoba and Quebec floods, the Ice Storm, earthquakes in Turkey or hurricanes in Honduras.

He accuses the CF of "invoking terror on innocent people" in Afghanistan, but provides no justification to back it up. If anyone is guilty of terrorizing people it's the Taliban! A regime that brutally oppressed the people of Afghanistan for years, but no longer will, thanks in part to the actions of our troops. The Al-Qaeda movement states it's the duty of all Muslims to kill U.S. citizens and those of her allies, (i.e. Canada) military and civilian alike. Is this the sort of "tolerance" Mr. Bowes thinks we should be promoting?

If Mr. Bowes disagrees with Canadian foreign policy then he should take it up with his Member of Parliament or voice his opinions in some other constructive manner. Harassing recruiters at a career fair is a juvenile way of making a point, and I would hope he had something better to do with his time. The fact that at a previous career fair he amused himself by giving the Sudbury Regional Police the same treatment indicates that he does not.

By Mike "Mono" Ursual

3rd year student and Canadian Forces Officer

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DEATH TO SMOOCHY

By Mat Thompson
Editor In Chief

Have you ever fascinated about what it would be like to actually take a hit out on Barney the Dinosaur? Have you ever looked at Sesame Street and wondered what kind of backstage fights happen between Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch? Well, Danny DeVito has decided to put the underside of children's television on film for us in the darkly comedic, extremely twisted *Death to Smoochy*.

Now, *Death to Smoochy* is not your typical Danny DeVito / Robin Williams comedy. Although the movie is about two children's television hosts, this movie is a purely adult comedy including profanity, sex, Nazis and Mafia style gangland killings including decapitation and torture. Just what we all look for in a movie.

The basis of the movie is simple. Robin Williams stars as Rainbow Randolph, the most popular kid's host on television. When Rainbow is indicted by the FBI for accepting bribes by parents who want their kid to be in the front of dance sequences on the show, KidNet, the children's television network headed by M. Frank Stokes (Jon Stewart), goes looking for a new host. To the dismay of most people in the network, KidNet decides to hire Sheldon Mopes (Edward Norton), a purple rhino named Smoochy who makes his living playing his guitar at the Coney Island Methadone Clinic.

Once Smoochy is hired he becomes bigger than the homeless, insane Rainbow Randolph who is on a mission to rid the world of Smoochy and regain his place at the top. The movie is funny on so many levels. The characters themselves will keep you in stitches, but the situations they get themselves into are classic.

One thing about this movie that makes it so funny is the small jokes that most of the people in the theatre with me seemed to miss. From Rainbow Randolph's opening theme where he sings that "Friends come in all sizes, some like to throw and some like to catch", to Sheldon Mopes explaining that he came up with the character of Smoochy when he was taking court ordered anger management classes, it is jokes like

these that are not only twisted, but they add to the dark comedy core of the movie.

Everyone in the movie does an amazing job in their roles. Edward Norton does great in a definite twist form his past roles as he plays an environmental fanatic rhino intent on saving the world one child at a time. Norton plays naïve so well, but you can see the underlying rage that Sheldon has as the movie wears on.

Robin Williams seems back in his old *Mork* and *Mindy* environment with the role of Rainbow Randolph. He seems to have let go of the seriousness of trying to get an Oscar and getting some actual recognition in Hollywood. Rainbow Randolph is the perfect role for Williams as he gets to act as insane as he wants and he will never be over the top.

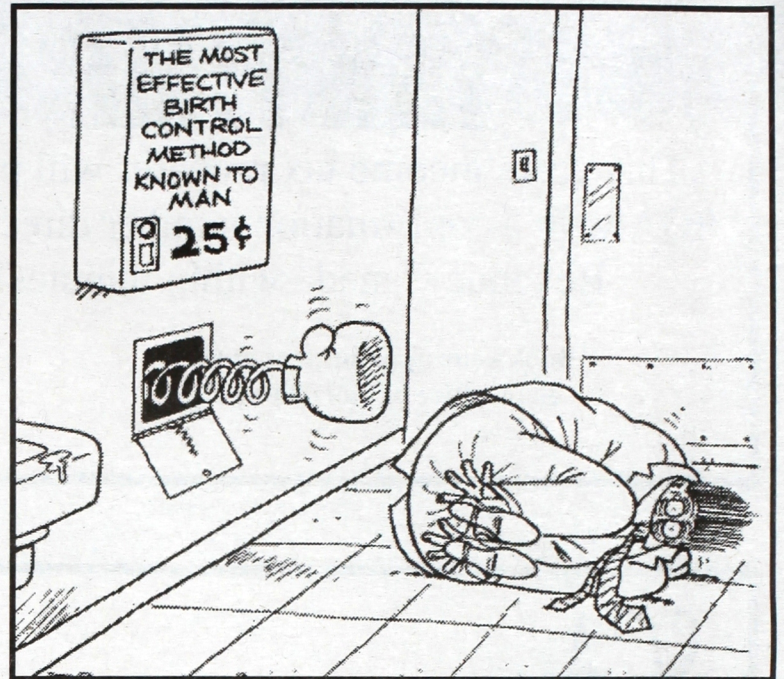
One actor who steals many of the scenes in the movie is Michael Rispoli (*The Soprano's* Jackie Aprile) as Spinner Dunn. Spinner is a former boxing champ with a record of 82-49 who is the front man in a restaurant with his aunt who is actually a head in the Irish Mafia. Spinner is the most punch drunk boxer ever who is a huge fan of Smoochy who's connections not only get him on the show, but also puts Smoochy in the middle of a Mafia war with the Italian Mafia who run charity ice shows. If there is one character who you will not forget in this movie it will be Spinner Dunn.

Many people in the theatre with me weren't really laughing, but you have to expect this with a movie like this. The movie is very smart and is not written to make the lowest common denominator laugh hysterically. Smoochy is not a Jim Carey ass-joke movie. Smoochy is more along the lines of *War of the Roses* or *Romancing the Stone* (both of which were also directed by Danny DeVito). The jokes are funny, but also smart.

My basic warning as to this movie is that you have to be ready for a movie that is twisted and funny in a more adult, smart way. If you are not a fan of Robin Williams in an insane role or comedy that makes you think, then you should just stick with the re-release of *ET* (he goes home in the end if you don't know already). In my opinion *Death to Smoochy* is a brilliant comedy that will not be

understood by many of the people who will go see it. Remember that this movie is a satire. Remember that this movie is a dark comedy. Remember that this movie stars an ambiguously-gay man named Rainbow and his nemesis, a purple Rhino who has connections in the Irish Mafia, a KidNet producing job and sings a song titled 'You Step-fathers Not Mean, He's Just Adjusting'.

And you thought *Death to Smoochy* was going to be a bad movie...



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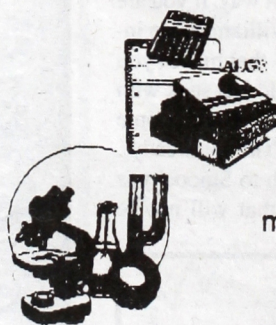
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